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## Tuition Hike Studied By Legislature

By SHARMAN PROUTY

The state legislature recently studied four bills which, if passed, would affect the tuition in all state colleges and universities.

One bill provides a "sliding tuition" plan, based on the student's ability to pay. Each student would pay between \$0 and \$1,250 per year, depending on their ability.

A second bill would set the rate at \$600 a year, and the last two bills would drop tuition completely.

A survey of all community college students was taken recently to see how they feel about tuition increases. Ted Murphey, School Commissioner to the Massachusetts Board of Community Colleges, conducted the survey here. Out of 1,100 students, 614 responded. Here are the results from G.C.C.:

25 students could pay an increase up to \$1250  
1 student could pay an increase up to \$1000  
13 students could pay an increase up to \$ 750  
19 students could pay an increase up to \$ 600  
57 students could pay an increase up to \$ 500  
125 students could pay an increase up to \$ 400

The majority of students, 362, wanted no increase at all.

Two other area colleges, Springfield Technical Community College and Holyoke Community College, had similar results. Here again most students do not want an increase.

## Student Gov't News

By DENNIS CRONIN

On Thursday February 11, 1971 the Student Government Meeting was held. Five items of business dominated the meeting: 1) Freshman Class Agenda, 2) Report from the Financial Committee, (3) The raising of college tuition for all state and community colleges, 4) The Scuba-Diving Club and 5) Appropriation of money for college clubs.

Steve Belliveau of the Freshman Class led off the meeting by informing the Student Government of the upcoming Freshman Class meeting which was held on February 23, 1971 at 2:15 p.m. in the auditorium. Steve also informed those present at the meeting that the Freshman Class is going to sponsor a Hootenanny on Friday, February 26 in the auditorium from 8 to 11 p.m.

The second item of business was a report from the Financial Committee. Steve Flynn stated that he would wait until the next Student Government Meeting to give his Financial Report but he did inform those present that the Financial Committee was going to withdraw money from the Metalcrafts Club, Soccer, from Foreign Students, Engineering, Guest Lecturers, Performing Arts, Coaches Clinic, and Cheerleaders. Those present at the meeting voted 11 in favor and 1 opposed to carry the proposal.

The third item of business dealt with the proposal brought up in the state house in Boston to raise the \$200 present tuition which Massachusetts residents pay each year at state and community colleges to \$400, or even \$1,250. Ted Murphy asked the Student Government representatives to help him draw up questionnaires to be distributed to all students in regards to this proposed tuition hike.

The recognition of the Scuba-Diving Club was accepted by

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This was how it looked on Meet the Candidates Day, February 18. Two students showed up to meet those running for Student Commissioner and Freshman Class Representative. —Staff Forumfoto.

## Students Elections Void

### Tourney Bound!

The student elections of February 19 have been declared invalid by the Executive Board of the Student Government.

Ken Creighton, a candidate for student commissioner, was thought to be ineligible for the post because of academic difficulties. The candidates for the vacancy for Freshman Class Representative was also voided.

According to Student Activities Director Brian Gilmore, the Student Government has appointed an election committee, chaired by Steve Flynn. Gilmore said that new elections may be postponed until May when the annual elections for Student Government President are held.

### NEW CENTER FOR VOLUNTEERS

Over the past year the office of Community Service and Student Activities have received a growing number of calls from agencies in the area looking for student volunteers. Students are needed for long and short periods of time to work on a variety of programs such as school enrichment, orphanages, Head Start, tutoring, Red Cross, and many other deserving services.

Services that are needed are from working with children to carpentry and doing general clean-up work. The Volunteer Center, which is located in the Student Activity office, is asking students and faculty to fill out applications which will include hours free, and particular skills that they wish to use. These applications will be kept on file at the center and a volunteer will be called when the need arises. For further information please do not hesitate to talk to Brian Gilmore.



Mike McDonald of GCC (12) struggles for a rebound with Mount Wachusett's Bob Greene (31) as (l to r) Jim Kczenski and Bob Mikrut look on. Story on Page Two. —Forumfoto by Steve Flynn.

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### CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT

March 6, 1971  
at 8:00 p.m.

Deerfield Academy

Auditorium

Sponsored by First Church of Deerfield and Deerfield Fine Arts Committee.

Violin, Harpsichord

and Cello

No Charge

Massachusetts Community College Athletic Conference  
1971 Basketball Tournament  
Waltham High School  
March 6 & 7, 1971

Saturday, March 6 — at 7:00 PM  
Greenfield Community College versus  
Massasoit Community College  
at 8:45 PM

Northern Essex Community College versus  
Quinsigamond Community College  
Sunday, March 7 at 5:00 PM

State Community College Cheerleaders' Contest  
At 6:00 PM for The Women's State Championship  
Greenfield Community College Women versus  
Eastern Division Winner

at 7:45 PM The Men's Finals  
Winner of the Greenfield-Massasoit Game versus  
Winner of the Quinsigamond-Northern Essex Game  
Student Admission 50¢  
See Map On Page Three.



## Flying Club In Planning Stage

Students interested in forming a flying club will meet on Tuesday, March 16 at 2:30 on West 203, club organizer Gary Longley has announced.

Longley, who holds a private pilot's license, has been active in the Civil Air Patrol and in commercial aviation. He believes that many students will be interested in an aviation club and would like to see plans made to offer through a club general education in basic aviation and to explore occupations for those interested in aviation careers. He also feels that a flying club might help students in their regular college work, such as making topographical maps for use by geology students.

All interested persons are urged to attend this meeting or to contact Longley if they cannot attend. His home phone is 772-6640.

## Track Team Organized

By BOB CALL

A track team was organized at the student activities office on March 2nd at 2 p.m. Sigred Wilmer, who is the manager signed up interested students.

There will be a variety of events offered in both track and field. Among the events are the 100 yd. dash, 220 yd. 440 yd., half-mile, mile, 2 mile, 180 yd. low hurdles, and 120 yd. high hurdles. Other events are the triple jump, pole vault, broad jump, shot put, javelin and high jump.

It is hopeful there will be a large turnout. At least twenty-five students will be needed to organize the team.

## LaMancha Cast Chosen

Parts have been assigned for the spring production, "The Man of LaMancha," drama coach Marylou Carroll announced recently.

Taking the lead will be Tom Beers as Don Quixote, with Denise Pervere as Aldonza, Fred Momaney, the governor and the innkeeper; Samir Asmar, Knight of Mirrors; Kathy Wittman, Maria; Cindy Staiger, Fermina; Tricia Crosby, Antonia; Carrie Jenkins, Housekeeper; Bruce Wilbur, the Padre; Denis Knowles, the barber; Ron LaRoche, Pedro; Dan Fuller, Allan Hall and Tom LaFlamme, mullets; Kathy Cross and Carolyn Grant, prisoners; and Robert Stafursky, Sancha Panza.

LaMancha will be performed on April 21 through 24.

## GCC Students Eligible For Legion Award

For the past two years, the American Legion, Department of Massachusetts, has recognized, through its Americanism Committee, college students in Massachusetts with the "Outstanding Young American Award." This year Greenfield Community College has been chosen as the college from which the awards are to be made.

If you are doing volunteer work you may be eligible to receive this award of high honor.

## Tourney Berth For Barons

By LOU THAXTON

"We need one more win to gain a place in the state tourney," coach Don Rice said recently. The following Saturday night The Red Barons gained a berth in the tourney by outrunning a much taller Mt. Wachusett squad, by a score of 96-78. The Red Barons outran but did not outplay Mt. Wachusett, to gain second place in the Western Massachusetts Division of Community Colleges Conference. Early fouls caused a considerable slowdown of action in the first half, resulting in half-time score of 37-27.

The second half proved to be different, as the Red Barons put on a classic display of offensive and defensive ability. Jim Kaczinski and Mike Rachelmeyer pooled their talents to get a quick ten points and give G.C.C. a solid twenty point lead. All members played and all scored except Will Richardson, who showed good defense and offensive rebounding in the second half.

A sad point with an ironic twist occurred near the end of the game. With two minutes left, Bob Greene, a Mt. Wachusett player fell to the floor with an injury. While waiting for the ambulance a girl who received a broken toe during the girls' game, hobbled out to soothe the player in pain. As it turned out, the young lady was Eileen Kangis, the injured Greene's girlfriend.

## Virgin Land Despoiled By Technology

By WENDY SHEPARD

There are 43 million acres of undeveloped land left in this country, according to Larry Buell, instructor in the Recreation Leadership curriculum. Annually, he says, we use 1.2 million for such things as new homes, roads, and parking lots. Since this rate is increasing each year, by calculation in 36 years, at the most, there will be no undeveloped land left. Add to this fact that such projects as desert developments are now being planned, and we will probably see the demise of virgin land in our lifetime.

According to Mr. Buell "organic farming" would help to replenish the land that is being used up too fast in area and quality. He proposes that the use of humus be placed back into the soil to replace that which is taken out in the growing process.

Commercially produced fertilizer does not contain all the necessary minerals that the land requires, he says; even if it were to contain them all, it would miss the most beneficial factor — life.

The land being abused, depleted and unreplicated, for example, on commercial chicken farms the unremitting exploitation of nature occurs. The standardized method of raising chickens in this country is the force feeding of poultry with chemical mixtures. The life expectancy of such fowl is only two years.

Since man is omnivorous, he concentrates more DDT than any other animal in his system. This concentration shows itself in mother's milk. Some authorities have advised against breast feeding since the milk contains a high quantity of DDT.

Saul Greenblatt of our faculty has stated that scientists claim it may be too late to repair the damage to ecology.



SETTI UMAPATHY

## Food Exhibit

By WENDY SHEPARD

According to the exhibit in the Reference Room of the Library, one of America's major problems is overeating. The exhibit, which ran from February 16 to 26 covered such food problems as obesity, food fads, nutrition, and the world food problem. The main purpose of the exhibit, according to Setti Umapathy, assistant librarian and curator of the exhibit, was to make students and faculty more aware of food value and food problems.

The problem of overeating, according to the exhibit, is caused by leisure and money. Food fadism for losing weight is gaining in popularity. The safe way, according to the exhibit, is to plan a diet, cut down on intake, and increase physical activity.

The exhibit urged everyone to become aware of food value: milk contains protein, calcium, riboflavin, and niacin, while cola and soft drinks contain no food value at all.

## College Man Named As Deputy Chief

A Greenfield Community College graduate who now teaches part-time in the college's Fire Science Technology curriculum has been appointed Deputy Fire Chief in Greenfield, GFD Chief Clayton D. Cromack announced recently.

John Bergeron, '70, began his fire fighting career as an auxiliary fireman in 1961. He was second on the civil service exam for the vacancy. Chief Cromack says that Bergeron is "a man who, through the education, experience as a fire fighter and constantly high ratings on each and every examination taken, has qualified himself" to become deputy chief.

This summer he will receive a bachelor of arts degree in fire science and administration from the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City.

A skyful of SSTs spreading vapor and particulate matter across the edge of space might create the same sort of weather horror brought on by a blanket of volcanic dust back in 1816. That summer, according to the February issue of Science Digest, New England suffered its worst weather ever recorded. A six-inch blanket of snow covered the entire Northeast in early June, followed by more snowstorms in July and August when temperatures averaged 40 degrees F. There were no crops at all that year.



"When erthe upon erthe is brought to the brink,  
Then shal erthe have of erthe a wonder foulstink."

## College To Observe April Earth Day

Dear Concerned Citizen

This letter is to inform you of a coming environmental program of merit: EARTH-WEEK '71: April 26-May 2. People from the academic community, local and state government, and interested local citizens and organizations are sponsoring EARTH-WEEK so that significant environmental problems now facing OUR cities and towns can be adequately discussed, evaluated, and rational plans for action initiated.

No one needs to tell you that we have a pollution problem — and we are not going to reiterate what is already generally known. But how to alleviate these problems on a local and/or regional level needs to be discussed. Some of the pressing local problems we are presently facing are: Dumps: types, locations and effects; should a State Dump be located in Montague? Land Use in the Connecticut Valley: trends, zoning and taxation; Meadows Dam on Deerfield River: monument or necessity?; Industrial-

Pollution: progress toward abatement; Agricultural Pollution; Nuclear Power Generation; and others.

During EARTH-WEEK many other topics will be presented through panel discussions, films, demonstrations, and field trips. The goals of our activities are two-fold: education and action. Hopefully, our programs will lead to a better understanding of what is happening to our local environment and more importantly, what individuals and groups can do to alleviate these problems.

If you would like to participate in our program (we are looking for ideas, panel discussion members, keynote speakers, films and demonstrations, etc.), please contact our "clearing house for EARTH-WEEK information" the GCC Office of Community Services, 125 Federal Street, Greenfield; phone: 774-4378.

Sincerely yours,  
Richard D. Little  
GCC Instructor in Earth Science

### EARTH WEEK

Last year's "Earth Day" has been transformed this year into "Earth Week". And at G.C.C., it will be observed a week later than most of the colleges and universities in the area.

The purpose of the week-long affair this year at G.C.C., will be to set up discussion panels, workshops, and communicational meetings to reach the community at large as well as the college students. And the delay of one week will, according to Dick Little, enable the college to engage speakers, films, and other programs that they might otherwise have missed out on because of the conflict with other area programs.

The weekend will climax the

week-long discussions and workshops. There will hopefully be hikes, field trips, and canoe trips down the once-picturesque Connecticut River, to provide a first-hand look at what's happening ecologically to the Connecticut Valley area.

The project is still in the planning stages, and a lot of what's done may depend on the amount of student co-operation. Anyone interested in helping to set up the workshops, or just working for the program in general, should contact Dick Little, Brian Gilmore, Carl Stinchfield, Toby Sutton, Peter Steve, Al Lee, Charlotte Raush, or Steve Belliveau.

Maybe "Earth Week" can eventually become "Earth Year", every year.

Ethiopia is a mosaic of diverse peoples who speak more than 70 languages and follow Christian, Jewish, Moslem and pagan religions.

There were no takers for Glamour Magazine's contest to select the Ten Outstanding College Girls of the nation. Winners were to be judged on the basis of campus or community leadership.





FORUM photographer Wendy Shepard captured the scene at Mt. Mohawk recently as students took advantage of the free skiing lessons being offered by Recreation Leadership.

## Free Skiing Draws Students To Slopes

Free skiing and free instructions are being offered by Recreation leadership every Wednesday from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. at Mt. Mohawk ski area in Greenfield.

Head instructor Tom Foster said that the Recreation Leadership doesn't have many physical sports and that this program provides an excellent opportunity

for Greenfield Community College students to participate in or learn a sport. The skiing is offered to anyone from beginner to expert or anyone who wants to get some exercise. So far the turnout has been good and attendance is expected to improve. It's a good program, and it's continuation hinges on a good turnout each Wednesday afternoon.



## IRS Man Helps Students With Tax Returns

On February 11, Michael Whiteman, IRS agent, offered assistance to students here in filling out tax forms. About twenty students showed up to take advantage of Mr. Whiteman's instruction. Forms were handed out, and Mr. Whiteman went down the form, filling it out as a typical student would.

The most frequent problem concerned the instances in which you may be claimed as a dependent by your parents: (a) you make over \$625, and are a full-time student — over five months, (b) you are under nineteen years of age, or (c) your parents contribute one-half of your support, they may claim you as an exemption.

According to Mr. Whiteman, the new tax forms are more simplified.

If you need help, and missed Mr. Whiteman's meeting, the IRS office at 62 Federal Street is open Monday through Friday from 8:30-5:00.

## Student Grant Supports Hockey League

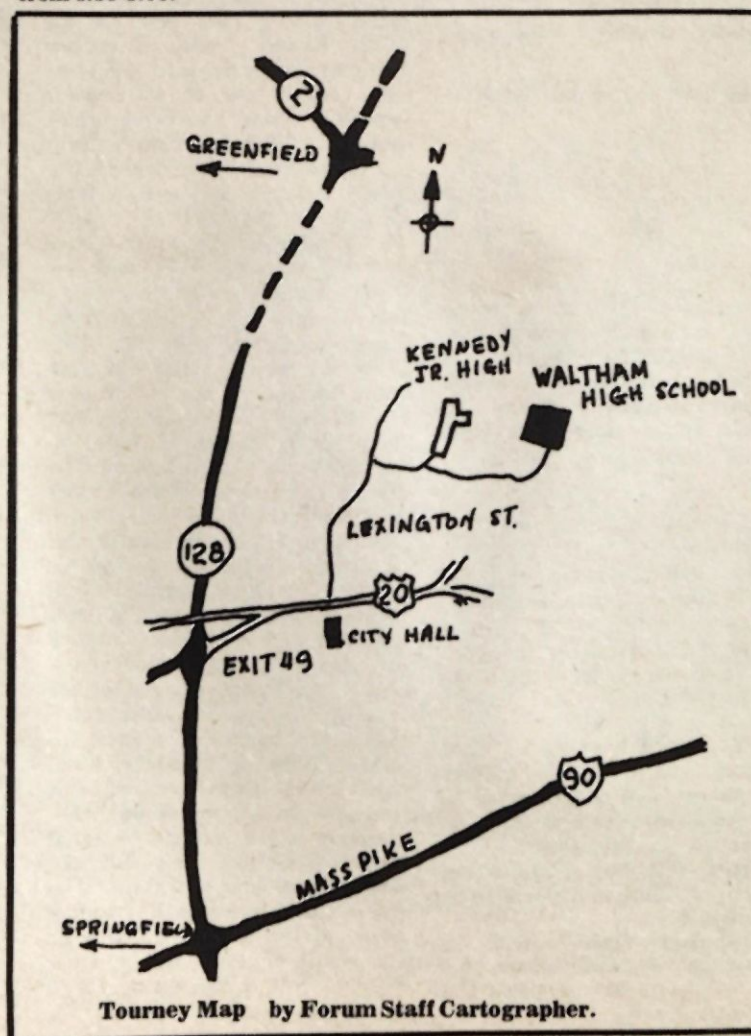
By BOB CALL

The first annual banquet of the Pee Wee hockey league will be held Wednesday, March 17th at 7:00 P.M. in the Senior High School cafeteria. Ed Westfall, right wing for the Boston Bruins, will be there to speak and show the highlight films of the Bruins Stanley Cup playoffs.

There will be 350 seats available. The Pee Wee league players and their parents will have first choice. The remaining tickets will be sold to the public March 4th through March 10th at Clark's Sport Shop. The price is \$3.50 each.

Carl Johnson, of the Springfield Kings, will also be there. He will bring with him either another King player or Doug Harvey, a retired player for Detroit. A roast beef dinner will be served.

Student Activities has given the Pee Wee Hockey League a grant of \$250.



## Students Offer Workshop For Children

By PETER LORRAINE

Thomas Beers and Thomas Cahoon of Greenfield Community College are offering a chance for children to participate in a workshop theater.

Classes will begin March 11 on the second floor of the Youth Building at the Greenfield YMCA introducing the eight week course aimed at teaching elementary pupils the basic skills of acting.

Beers and Cahoon hope the children will develop an interest, not only in acting, but in one another as actors and individuals, by means of using motion drills, mimicry, a memory circle, play readings and puppets, as well as acting, singing and dancing.

Classes will divide into three thirty minute groups consisting of singing and dancing, acting and communication drills, plays, readings, and puppets.

Cahoon and Beers, conducted similar classes last year while attending Genesee Community College, in Batavia, N.Y. with a proven success giving them the incentive to "go on with the show" here in Greenfield.

The student duo have acted as a team for about four years. Their beginning as a comedy team in a playhouse situation in which Beers played the straight part as an emcee and Cahoon as the main character. Both men are majoring in speech and hope to go into professional theater.

Cahoon has been chosen as the assistant director of "Man of La Mancha," to be played by the College in April. Beers has been chosen for the lead part to portray Miguel De Cervantes and Cervantes' literary invention, Don Quixote.

## Businessmen Improve Their Reading Skill

By MARK MCGILL

Businessmen are learning how to read through a speed reading course given by the Reading Skills Center director, Arthur Hannan. Meeting in the evenings at the Skills Center of the West Campus, the businessmen learn how to improve their reading skills.

The students met twice weekly for two and one-half hours over a three week period, for a total of fifteen hours of instruction. The course is designed to help the men reduce the amount of time they are now spending on paperwork.

Hannan is satisfied with the results; the average individual improvement was 75%. He employs a perceptor, a machine that puts reading matter on a movie screen at variable rates. There are also hand Perceptor-scope available for individual use. Both machines are available for use at the Skills Center.

The course, part of the College's community service program, was contracted by Ernest Knowlton, chairman of the Industrial Management Club. The participants, who ranged from middle to upper management, are from such local industries as Yankee Atomic and Western Mass. Electric. A similar course was given to the employees of the Erving Paper Mill Co. last year.

Students wishing to improve their own reading and study skills should contact Arthur Hannan in the West Building. Courses dealing specifically with speed and comprehension are available.



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## Editorial

"Smoking marijuana is more fun than drinking beer, but a friend of ours got captured, and they gave him thirty years. Maybe we should raise our voices, ask somebody why. But demonstrations are a drag, and besides we're much too high."

—Phil Ochs

In their Feb. 22 issues, both "Time" and "Newsweek" magazines did stories on the widespread apathy and "eerie tranquillity" prevalent this year on the nation's college campuses. On Feb. 18th that "eerie tranquillity" descended upon G.C.C. like a heavy snowfall.

It was the "Meet the Candidates" session that day during the 11:00 free period. The candidates were gathered expectantly in the auditorium, apprehensively awaiting the onslaught of questions from the mass of concerned student voters that would soon arrive. The session had been publicized far in advance, with a notice in the FORUM and posters all around the main and west buildings. Some of the candidates had put up election posters. It followed that the voter-turnout was incredible.

Two people showed up. Brian Gilmore and a reporter from the FORUM. And Brian can't vote.

Even funnier is that at this writing, three school-days after the election date, the elections still haven't been completed. It seems the student government can't find anyone "interested enough" to supervise the balloting in the main building. (What was the number of student representatives again?!)

Now we're not implying that a showing of one-eleventh hundredth of the student body at the "Meet the Candidates" session is necessarily "poor." And we're not implying the absurdity of an election day becoming an election week. Or month. Or . . . ? But some of the positions that these candidates are seeking only last until the end of this semester. We ought to at least give these guys time to write home to their folks and tell them they won. Or have a victory celebration.

You know. BEFORE they have to leave office.

Feb. 25: The elections have been declared null and void.

(By the way Richard, you have nothing to fear from the 18-year-old vote.)

## News Briefs . . .

The Student Government has created a \$1,000 bail fund to be administered by student activities director Brian Gilmore and the Student Government. This money is a loan, not a gift, and must be repaid.

Auditions for a Readers' Theater Production of Moliere's "Misanthrope" "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolfe," and "Rosemary's Baby," are now taking place. Interested students of faculty members should see Saul Greenblatt.

Engineering Club members will join the UMass chapter of ASCE for a joint meeting in the near future. On March 10 a representative from American Biltrate will speak to the engineers on the Uniturf Concept and on March 31 a representative of Smith & Loveless will speak on prefabricated sewage treatment plants. All are welcome.

Tennis enthusiasts should

meet at the Student Activities Office on March 16 at 2 p.m. with Coach Mark Stewart.

There will be a student-faculty basketball game on March 26 at Greenfield High School gym at 6 p.m.

March 15: Judith Senderowitz, chairman of Zero Population Growth in New York will speak in the Auditorium at 8 p.m. as part of the guest lecture series.

March 19, "To Sit With Love" will be shown in the Auditorium as part of the film festival series.

"Passin' Through," a musical about Black culture and history will be presented in the Auditorium at 2 PM on March 23.

There will be a dance on March 26. Time and place to be announced.

"Downhill Racer" will be shown in the Auditorium at 8 p.m. on March 31 as part of the film festival series.

## Old News . . .

In the largest military operation in So. Vietnam since Nixon entered office, massive So. Vietnamese forces invaded Laos with the aid of U.S. airpower, and allied support within So. Vietnam

a Chicano ghetto in East Los Angeles erupted in rioting that devastated 13 blocks of stores, in the fourth major explosion in that area in six months. Egypt and Israel renewed the cease-fire along the Suez for another 30 days, negating a previous demand by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat that all Israeli-held Egyptian territories be returned before the cease fire would be renewed. The official White House portraits of John F. Kennedy and his First Lady, by New York Artist Aaron Shikler, were unveiled with mixed reactions from the group attending the private showing at the White House. The Kennedy family was said to have been impressed.

Apollo 14 astronauts returned safely, after Allen Shepard became the first man to golf on the moon. Shepard jury-rigged the head of a No. 6 iron to one of his moon tools, produced a ball from the recesses of his space suit, and slammed it off into the lunar atmosphere. "How far did it go?" asked Mission Control. "Miles and miles and miles," replied Shepard. The first big winter-time power crisis in the northeast hit New York City in the wake of the winter's bitterest cold wave. And Con-Ed voiced little optimism for the upcoming summer power drain. Census figures showed a tremendous rise in the amount of education Americans now receive. Since 1940, the number of college graduates rose by 10 per cent, and the number of high school graduates by 37 per cent. The most disastrous earthquake in thirty-eight years shook California, claiming 62 dead and 1,000 injured with property damage listed at a billion dollars. The quake was followed by hundreds of minor tremors and 12 major aftershocks.

Richard Nixon sent 18 pages of legislative conservation proposals to Congress, "to end the plunder of America's natural heritage." Big Soap Companies worked hard, and won, in their fight to keep phosphate legislation out of the President's environmental proposals. Commerce Secretary Maurice Stans acted on their behalf at the White House. Some 63 nations signed treaties banning the storage, testing, and use of nuclear weapons from the ocean floor outside a 12-mile offshore limit.

when So. African censors finished cutting the no-no's from the film "M\*A\*S\*H", only 25 minutes of the original two hours remained to be released. They also demanded two showings a night for "The Christine Jorgensen Story" — the early show for women, and the late show for men. Sex researchers Dr. William H. Masters, 55, and his partner, Virginia E. Johnson, 46, were married. Masters wife divorced him last summer, and Johnson has been divorced since 1956. (wonder if they found any good manuals for newlyweds)

at the Bob Hope tournament in California, Spiro Agnew's first shot on tee-off bounced off a husband and wife in the crowd. The Vice-President apologized returned to the tee, and ricocheted the second off a woman's ankle. On Feb. 21, at 9:33 a.m., the United States was at war. Someone in the Colorado headquarters of the Army's National Warning Center sent out the wrong tape, and radio and television stations across the country went off the air, presumably as the result of impending nuclear attack. The authenticator for a correction couldn't be found.



Pat Freedman gets into existentialism with her class, which is conducted in an informal, yet intense manner. —Staff Forumfoto.

## Introducing . . .

We could probably preface this introduction with the usual tripe about "her pixie-like" appearance, "her forthrightness in the classroom", "her open communication" with her students, and all the other crap that has been, and will be, used to describe every instructor in every college, by every school newspaper. We would prefer to skip the birthplace, the schools attended, and the degrees conferred, and try to present some of what she thinks. Though that may be a dangerous assumption for all concerned.

In talking with Pat Freedman, the idea that seems to permeate the conversation is the strength in her attitude towards the individual. Not the "individual" as the word is commonly abused today, but with a sense of a real understanding of its meaning. "Every" individual rather than "especially" the individual.

Largely influenced by a professor at the University of Michigan, who advocated the concept of "experiential learning", Pat applies the theory in the classroom with the separation into small discussion groups. She hopes the subsequent result is "an academic, as well as personal, learning experience", where the individual student "can gain a confidence in himself and his ideas, coupled with a better understanding of himself as he relates to society, while still holding to the academic guidelines."

There are times however, when

some discussion groups fade away into that level where only nervous laughter punctuates the silence. Miss Freedman attributes this to a fear of discovery. "They don't care", she says. "In this very technical, very rational, mind-oriented society, they've learned not to care. They feel they have to look for an image and live up to it. Whether it be the Playboy image or the Hollywood image, or whatever. A discussion group may threaten that image." When the image is threatened, or punctured, they ask themselves "Who am I?", and "many come to the decision that 'I'm nobody', with no confidence or belief in themselves or anything else." This, she says, "is the second step to becoming 'little cogs' in the big machine."

Miss Freedman "went the political route" during college and ran into the everpresent political frustrations. She sees teaching as a "chance to initiate change, and actively participate in changing 'the system' by making people aware of themselves and their potential; have one to one relationships that can work." She also feels that education should provide the external stimulus for thought, "but what's most important is people reacting to that stimulus."

How much her teaching relationships help her own growth and her own inner-development is still a big question for her. She says that she's learned a lot about herself since she began. More "experiential learning."

## College To Study Buying

Franklin County public and private school administrators will discuss the possibility of joining a purchasing cooperative, Dean Robert W. Gailey recently announced.

County school administrators will meet March 5 at 1 p.m. in the main building of Greenfield Community College with assistant superintendent, Leon Siegel of Pittsfield, who has developed a school purchasing cooperative for Berkshire County.

Under this arrangement, the cooperative puts 21 standard items out to bid;

## Student Gov't-

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the Student Government on the fourth item of business. 11 voted in favor, none opposed and 2 abstentions. The final item of business was the Appropriation of Money for Clubs. \$900 was given for the new proposed Student Coffee House, \$500 for the Prometheus Budget and \$800 for the Year-book budget.

A proposal to give the Baseball team \$3,360 to send the team to Florida for practice was defeated by a unanimous vote. The Drama Club received a maximum of \$2,600 for the spring production of "The Man of La Mancha".